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SUBJECT: FSLN ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY: THE FSLN BRIEFLY OCCUPIED TWO RADIO STATIONS; THEY HAD ANOTHER SHOOT-OUT WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD; TWO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, AND THE GON CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A HANDS OFF POLICY ON THE PROBLEM OF OCCUPIED CHURCHES. END SUMMARY

1. DURING EARLY MORNING NEWS BROADCASTS ON JULY 16 SELF-IDENTIFIED FSLN GROUPS OCCUPIED AT GUNPOINT TWO RADIO STATIONS, ONE IN MANAGUA AND ONE IN LEON, AND PUT IDENTICAL TAPES ON AIR. TAPES STATED TWO COMPANIONS IN JAIL WERE DYING OF HUNGER STRIKE AND FSLN CALLED FOR SUPPORT SUCH AS OCCUPATION OF CHURCHES, SIT-INS IN NEW YORK, MEXICO, ETC. AFTER SECURING RADIO STATION PERSONNEL AND STARTING TEN-MINUTE TAPES, THE REVOLUTIONAIRES FLED. THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS.

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2. ON JULY 21, NOVEDADES CARRIED A FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF TOMAS BORGE IN HOSPITAL BED, BEING EXAMINED BY PHYSICIAN, AS WELL AS THE PHYSICIAN'S REPORT TO PRISON AUTHORITIES THAT BORGE IS SUFFERING FROM A MODERATE INFECTION OF THE URINARY TRACT, WHICH IS BEING TREATED, AND THAT BORGE'S CONDITION IS OTHERWISE GOOD.

3. EVENING OF JULY 16 THERE WAS ANOTHER SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN APPARENT

FSLN REVOLUTIONARIES AND GN PATROL ON HIGHWAY SOUTH OF MATAGALPA. OCCUPANTS OF PRIVATE VEHICLE ESCAPED BUT LEFT REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE, SMALL WEAPONS AND GRENADE. MOISES GONZALEZ, OWNER OF CAR, IS A PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR OF PROPAGANDA TRACT SUPPORTING BORGE AND JAEN, WHICH WAS FOUND IN CAR. HE HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR INVESTIGATION. DURING FURTHER SEARCH NEXT DAY, GN CAPTURED SUSPECT WHO REPORTEDLY SHOUTED AS SHE WAS ARRESTED, QUOTE I AM A MEMBER OF THE FSLN AND MY NAME IS MONICA BALTADANO MARCENARO UNQUOTE. SUSPECT WAS REPORTEDLY ARMED AND HAS LIKEWISE BEEN DETAINED AND BROUGHT WITH GONZALES TO MANAGUA FOR QUESTIONING. GUARDIA NACIONAL (GN) PRESS RELEASE REPORTING INCIDENT WAS DETAILED, CONTAINED DETAINEE'S SHOUTED REMARKS, AND ENDED WITH ADVICE THAT BOTH SUSPECTS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO MANAGUA.

4. OCCUPATION OF CHURCHES TO SUPPORT HUNGER STRIKERS. TOMAS BORGE AND MARCELO JAEN, HAS RUN INTO IMAGE PROBLEMS AS BISHOP OF MATAGALPA AND PASTOR OF CHURCH OCCUPIED UNTIL MID-LAST WEEK HAVE ACCUSED OCCUPIERS OF VANDALISM, PROFANITY, SEXUAL PROMISCUITY AND BEING COMMUNIST-LED.

5. COMMENT: ALLOWING REPORTAGE OF THE RADIO STATION OCCUPATION BY THE FSLN IN THE NEWSPAPER, WHICH WAS THE TYPE OF PUBLICITY FOR THE REVOLUTIONARIES WHICH CENSORSHIP WAS DESIGNED TO CONTROL, AND ANNOUNCING THE DETENTION FOR INVESTIGATION OF FSLN SUSPECTS AND BRINGING THEM TO MANAGUA FOR QUESTIONING WHERE GREATER CONTROL CAN BE EXERCISED OVER THE INTERROGATORS, ARE NOTEWORTHY. SO IS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRAINT EXERCISED BY GON IN ITS DECISION TO LEAVE THE PROBLEM OF FSLN SYMPATHIZERS WHO OCCUPIED CHURCHES UP TO THE CHURCH TO RESOLVE. RUBENSTEIN

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